

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 8-18 are now in this case. Claims 1-7 have been withdrawn from consideration as directed to non-elected species. Claims 9-15 and 18 have each been amended to correct a typographical error.

Claims 8-18 have been rejected under 35 USC Section 103 as unpatentable over Magnusson et al. United States Patent No. 5,598,300 in view of Chou United States Patent No. 5,772,905. The Examiner's position is that Magnusson discloses a subwavelength resonant grating made by conventional lithographic processing and that the Chou '905 patent discloses an imprint lithographic technique that could be used to make the grating. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

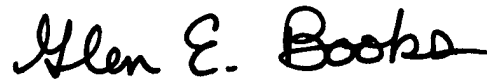
It is submitted that the rejection of this case based on the Chou '905 patent is not proper because the Chou '905 patent is not prior art. The present application is a continuation-in-part of a series of co-pending applications tracing their origin to S.N. 08/558,809 filed by the present inventor Stephen Chou on November 15, 1995, which application issued as United States Patent 5,772,905 on June 30, 1998 (the Chou '905 patent cited by the Examiner). Accordingly the Chou '905 patent is not prior art and should be combined with Magnusson.

In view of the foregoing it is submitted that claims 8-18 patentably distinguish from all cited art and that this case fully complies with the provisions

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of 35 USC Section 103. Reconsideration and favorable action in this regard are
therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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